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Pork barrel spending refers to the practice of allocating government funds to specific projects or programs in order to benefit a particular group or constituency ¹. These projects are often criticized as wasteful or unnecessary, and can include everything from research studies to infrastructure projects ¹.

The Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) is an organization that tracks pork-barrel spending in the federal budget. Their annual report, called the Congressional Pig Book, identifies specific projects that they consider to be wasteful or unnecessary ¹. The 2023 edition of the Pig Book identified 7,396 earmarks at a cost of \$26.1 billion ¹.

I hope this helps. Is there anything else I can help you with?

Source(s)

1. [2023 Congressional Pig Book | Citizens Against Government Waste](#)
2. [How Does Pork Barrel Spending Hurt the Economy? - Investopedia](#)
3. [What Are Examples of Pork Barrel Politics in the United States?](#)